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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM STUDENTS SEEK DONATIONS FOR SCHOOLS IN VIETNAM, CAMBODIA**

#### **MISSOULA –**

University of Montana students are asking the Missoula community for donations to take to schools in Vietnam and Cambodia as part of their service-learning experience.

Art supplies, toothbrushes, toys and vitamins are needed for the community-service locations on the trip. Cash donations or business gift cards also will be accepted to purchase needed items. Donations can be left at the Office for Civic Engagement in Social Science Building Room 126.

Six UM students and two trip coordinators will travel to Vietnam and Cambodia in June for three weeks to wrap up their service-learning seminar titled "Experiencing Southeast Asia."

Students will participate by volunteering at the 15 May School in Ho Chi Minh City, the Crazy Kim Café in Nha Trang and the Chua Loc Tho Temple School and Orphanage. The students also will visit various historical and cultural sites in the countries.

The trip is the final part of the service-learning and study-abroad course the students have participated in for a semester. The academic course prepared students for on-site volunteer work, exposing them to current social issues in Southeast Asia. The trip will be chaperoned by Jim Brennan, UM adjunct professor, and Amy Corbin, program manager with the Office for Civic

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For more information on "Experiencing Southeast Asia" or to read student journals online throughout the month of June, visit <http://www2.umt.edu/dhc/oce>.

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